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In compliance with the duty of disclosure prescribed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Applicant discloses the following list of patents and publications, copies of which are transmitted herewith:

U.S. Patents

U.S. Patent No. 5,136,813, issued to Gibbs et al., issue date August 11, 1992.

U.S. Patent No. 5,272,838, issued to Gibbs, issue date December 28, 1993.

U.S. Patent No. 5,345,723, issued to Gibbs, issue date September 13, 1994.

U.S. Patent No. 5,443,244, issued to Gibbs, issue date August 22, 1995.

U.S. Patent No. 5,971,365, issued to Pigott et al., issue date October 26, 1999.

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U.S. Patent No. 6,254,064, issued to Gibbs, issue date July 3, 2001.

U.S. Patent No. D465,856, issued to Givens et al, issue date November 19, 2002.

U.S. Patent No. D466,620, issued to Givens et al, issue date December 3, 2002.

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Prior Public Uses and Sales

Fences, and fence components, which have been in public use in the United States, and on sale in the United States, since at least November 1, 2001, are shown in the Ameristar 2002 Price Catalog, excerpts from which are submitted herewith, with dealer prices excised. The submitted excerpts, in addition to the catalog cover, are pages 1-1 through 1-10 (Aegis Residential Ornamental Fencing), pages 3-1 through 3-19 (Aegis Plus Commercial Ornamental Fencing), pages 5-1 through 5-14 (Aegis II Industrial Ornamental Fencing), and pages 7-1 thorough 7-9 (Ameristar Aluminum Ornamental Fencing).

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